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Dear Abe:

First of all I am sending you the blanks from the insurance Company, but I do not think you will have to bother with them. It is a lot of work filling them out. I called the company here in Newark, and they told me if you have any trouble while in Jacksonville to get in touch with their agent there. His name is J.A.Douglas, office located in The Atlantic National Bank Building Annex. Tell him The Maryland Casualty Co. has your insurance. The banks must be filled out in sets of three for each accident. Send me the information I Next have Mackey endorse this check and send it back to me. It was the check to pay for the treatment he had at the hospital when he was hurt last year. I have sent the hospital my check.

I am glad to know that Greer and Anderson have gotten together. I am sure it will be for the best.

Well I have had a million calls from all the papers etc. about The Dodgers signing Newcombe. I am going to have to make a statement. I am going to think about it over the week end, and also seek some advice from Council, but it is really quite a question. We have so many boys who are Major League material we may wake up any morning and not have a ballclub, if this keeps on.

I do hope the team is coming along nicely. Please get me some news. Don't spend a lot of money for pictures. I wrote Alston and asked him to check with you about the pictures and if you had any made, just have the outfield in one, the infield in one and the pitching staff in one. I can cut them apart for individual pictures.

I hope everything is alright. Please let me know how the rookies look as soon as you can, especially Rufus Lewis. Did you get the lefthander from Raleigh? I forgot to ask you on the phone.

How are the meals? and the rooms? How did the backstop work? Did you have any trouble putting it up? Be sure and make some arrangements with Mr Robinson for taking care of it when you leave. I am sure from his letters he will be glad to cooperate.

Be sure and make notes of all the money you spend so I can take it from the baseball account. Let me hear from you soon, and put enough ink in our pen when you write. You know I cannot see any too good at best, and some of your last letter I had a time making it out because there was no ink in the pen at one time. I did make out where you said not to pay Branch the bill until you returned.

Love Effa.